

Franklin County Council September 25, 2007
County Council Meeting Room @ 7:00 p.m.

Those present:

Hollie Sintz
Brad Spurlock
Martha Bergman
Kenneth Rosenberger
Carroll Lanning (arrive at III)

Elected officials:

Marlene Flaspohler
Don Vonder Meulen
Eric Roberts
Dale Maxie

Franklin County Auditor
Carol L. Monroe

*Hollie Sintz - opens meeting to with the Pledge of Allegiance and calls meeting to order

- I. Minutes (Aug. 28, 2008 Budget Hearings, and 2008 Budget Adoption)
 - a. Kenneth Rosenberger – move to accept minutes
 - b. Brad Spurlock – seconds the motion
 - c. Hollie Sintz – all in favor; motion carried
- II. **Resolution 2007-27** / Transfer of Funds
 - a. Hollie Sintz – reads resolution
 - b. Susan Jones – found that the insurance company may be able to pay some of the (E.P.A.) legal fees
 - c. Brad Spurlock – good, that is the question I have been asking; move to accept (resolution 2007-27)
 - d. Kenneth Rosenberger - seconds the motion
 - e. Hollie Sintz – all in favor; motion carried
- III. **Resolution 2007-28** / Additional Appropriation
 - a. Hollie Sintz – reads resolution
 - b. Brad Spurlock – motion to accept resolution 2007-28
 - c. Martha Bergman – seconds the motion
 - d. Carroll Lanning - couldn't some of this wait until the first of the year; this (for prosecutor) is through February (2008)?
 - e. Hollie Sintz – all in favor; opposed -1 (Hollie Sintz) ; motion carried 4 to 1
- IV. Indiana Homestead Tax Credit (quote for county cost)
 - a. Brad Spurlock – \$13,454.00, Auditor, where can we take it?
 - b. Carol L. Monroe – either cum. cap. or general and cum. cap., it is tapped out
 - c. Susan Jones – are any other counties doing this?
 - d. Carol L. Monroe – I don't know
 - e. Hollie Sintz – take it out of attorney fees (transfer it) from council budget
- V. **Resolution 2007-29** / Loan to Highway EDIT
 - a. Hollie Sintz – reads resolution
 - b. Carroll Lanning – move to accept resolution
 - c. Kenneth Rosenberger – seconds the motion
 - d. Hollie Sintz – all in favor; motion carried
- VI. Fayette Regional Health Center Expansion
 - a. Doug Fischesser – distributes information-see attached (folder). Negotiating with a couple different doctors. November 2 is the ground breaking. Looking at a ten month time frame. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.
 - b. Martha Bergman – what prompted this?
 - c. Doug Fischesser – we wanted to expand our services in Brookville. We felt that Franklin County would be better served.
 - d. Martha Bergman – do we still need to go to Fayette Memorial?
 - e. Doug Fischesser – more specialty type services will need to go to Fayette Memorial. This is more of an out patient service
 - f. Martha Bergman – is anything immediate be taken care of?
 - g. Doug Fischesser – the more intricate type of services will need to go to Fayette Memorial. We are trying to expand the specialty care; ear, nose and throat.
 - h. Carroll Lanning – what about EMS runs; is there a facility here?
 - i. Doug Fischesser – it depends on the case; we have discussed some of the options.
 - j. Carol L. Monroe – helipad?
 - k. Doug Fischesser – we don't know if we will have enough room behind the building.
 - l. Martha Bergman – I was there and really was satisfied with my service. Then got a bill from Fayette Memorial
 - m. Carol L. Monroe – (the) concern is this facility couldn't handle it so was transferred to Fayette; then received a bill for both “emergency room” visits.
 - n. Fayette Memorial Rep. – needs to contact billing; it depends on what service you received.
 - o. Doug Fischesser – thank you for your time
- VII. Public Housing Authority Board Resignation/Reappointment
 - a. Hollie Sintz – Edna Minimum; has resigned (republican). Rick Gill (democrat) has agreed to be re-appointed.
 - b. Carroll Lanning – get with head of republican party
 - c. Hollie Sintz – we will do that
- VIII. Reedy and Peters
 - a. Carroll Lanning – we don't want to be spending money we don't need to be spending; if we are going to continue with him we need to all meet with him.
 - b. Brad Spurlock – he needs to work his schedule to ours since he is working for us.
 - c. Carroll Lanning – I brought it up because we are spending this money and it is county money.

- d. Don Vonder Meulen – (flip tape). Talked to Eric this morning and he is coming to highway next week. Trending, etc. Hoping he will provide some reports.
- e. Brad Spurlock – how are you going to pay for that?
- f. Don Vonder Meulen – is that part of the agreement for council?
- g. Brad Spurlock – I would say, no
- h. Don Vonder Meulen – these reports would basically be for you
- i. Brad Spurlock – when he gets involved our tax rates go up! We know we can generate money with raising the tax rates.
- j. Don Vonder Meulen – want him to give us a heads up financially with the highway department. I don't have the knowledge to go down there and hopefully he could do that.
- k. Brad Spurlock – there are a lot of people that could do that; a lot cheaper
- l. Carroll Lanning – Butch and Brad both said we need someone. That is the last thing I remember.
- m. Brad Spurlock – I thought that would be to look at our operation like what don was talking about.
- n. Don Vonder Meulen – some counties are taking the paved roads back to gravel roads because they can't afford to keep up the paved roads.
- o. Brad Spurlock – if push comes to shove; you will have to push
- p. Carol L. Monroe – we need it in writing
- q. Brad Spurlock – why does he have to come down
- r. Eric Roberts – he gave the county three options; he gave us good insight to the least impact to the taxpayers. We got the best bang for our dollar. I wish more of you could have been there. He needs to present to more council members.
- s. Brad Spurlock – we need to decide to have a meeting right now with him.
- t. Don Vonder Meulen – what do you want from him
- u. Brad Spurlock – what is he doing.
- v. Carroll Lanning – let him do the appeal and tell him you are done until further notice
- w. Carol L. Monroe – I am uncomfortable with the quality of work from him and his secretary.
- x. Susan Jones – Carol, can Don use Wayne Hudson?
- y. Carol L. Monroe – yes, and he is free.
- z. Susan Jones – lets use our resources
- aa. Carroll Lanning – anything on E.P.A.?
- bb. Eric Roberts – we were counter sued by Hornsby family but Hornsby were never named in lawsuit. They want us to pay back a large part of their attorney fees.

IX. Adjourn

- a. Carroll Lanning – move to adjourn
- b. Martha Bergman – seconds the motion
- c. Hollie Sintz – we are done!

Those also present:

Susan Jones, Auditor Elect

John Estridge, Whitewater Publications

Doug Fischesser

Approved 10/23/07